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Silence is Gold. We walked among the woods in spring, When earth was fair to see, With bluebell and with cherry bloom And white anemone.

Then one of us, I think, forgot The truth, so often told-That speech is only silver, dear, But silence often gold. You talked to me of tint and tone,

Of subtle green and gray; Of light and shade, and glint and gleam, And sunbeam's tender play. You made me strain my ears to hear Each tinkling phrase unfold; Your speech, may be, was silver-gilt,

But yet it was not gold. Ah, me! you thought me savege then, A Philistinic boy; I know full well, that sweet spring day You robbed me of my joy. The false, æsthetic brass, 'tis true,

Your purse could never hold; Would it had held less silver, then, And greater store of gold! The eyes to see, the ears to hear, The very sight and sound;

But speak not, for the place whereon You stand is holy ground! Yes, look and think, if think you can, But leave the thought untold; For speech is only silver, dear, But silence purest gold.

MISS PRUE'S PARTY.

"Thirty dollars and twenty-five cents -and I've 'arned it, mercy knows!" Miss Merriweather glanced down at the little heap of fresh, new green and brown bills lying upon the whitely-scoured pine-table, in a retrospective

they was babies, too-an' the piles of

"A party!" screamed Meg Potter, a bouncing, black-eyed girl, in a red jacket, that was watering a thrifty plant that dwelt in an ancient coffeeboiler in the kitchen-window. "Oh, yes, do Aunt Prue! and I'll help you to make the cakes, and we'll invite those charming Flashers that have just come

fer all it's only a-goin' to be a party for poor folks-them as don't never have far as the minister's residence. no turkey or plum-puddin' I'm a-goin' byways for the poorest and mizzablest. an' make 'em all come; an' I'm a-goin' to give 'em one good mess of frosted pound cake, an' lemon pies, an' boned turkey, an' cranberry jelly, an' all sich."
"Fudge!" grumbled Meg, thumping

her watering-pot down with emphasis. "that won't be nice!" "Landy mussey!" groaned Mrs. Potter, "you always was quare, Prue Merriweather; but this here's the cap

sheaf. They'll most likely git sick, an' blame you fer it, an'call you names, an' your money'll all be wasted, when you might save it up. Ef you're afraid of a "i'm a-goin' to," interrupted Miss lendeth to the Lord.' I'm a-goin' to

lend this much to the Lord, anyway." "But you won't git no interest," mourned her sister, stirring up her preserves with much dejection. "I ain't afraid of gettin' cheated, no-

way," said Miss Prue, drily. And as there was no hope whatever of persuading her to change her mind, her sister and niece were constrained to make the best of it, and help along with the preparations.

"Looks like as if you was a-cookin' your weddin' dinner, Prue Merriweather," tittered Miss Jemima Jonquil, appearing in the doorway with a purple calico apron pinned over her head, and glancing critically at the row of lemon and coccanut pies upon the cupboard, beside which stood a great cake studded with raisins and citron. "I come to fetch your pattern back; an' seemed like I smelt nutmegs an' things here, so I

come this way." Miss Jonquil was chunky and fair, and bad a coftly-insinuating manner and light-gray eyes.

"Law me!" she continued, gliding in, and piumping herself into a rockingchair by the fire, "ef it ain't this very day ten years ago that you was cookin' up things jest like you air now, 'cause you 'lowed Jim Griggs would be back from Idyho next day. We all tole you not to put no faith in his promisin'like as not he wouldn't come, he was always so keerless; but you was jest that headstrong you would fix fer him, an' hev a party to welcome him, anyhow Reckon you thought it might be your weddin'-day ef he tuck a notion to suggest it-fer I s'pose he hedn't spoke al-

about whether he hed or not," said Miss Prue flushing. "He didn't never come, so I reckon you was satisfied." "Oh, now, Prue!" said Miss Jemima, reproachfully, "you know I was awfully sorry when he didn't come, you looked so distressed like; an' I pitied you ever since. Seemed like you thought such a heap of Jim; ef he'd only returned, you might a been Mrs. Griggs all this time.

But sakes! he must be married long ago; an' I s'pose you don't expect ever to be nothing but an old maid now?"

I don't care how mean a gnu is for I might a been Mrs. Griggs all this time. to be nothing but an old maid now?"

Miss Jorquil, being fully six months younger than Miss Merriweather, could

posedly, setting a plate of cranberry you? Good day," and he was gone.

The merchant stepped out to the large bir outside. The clerk would put down his twenty and the farmer would be tarts in the window to cool "I don't expect nothing only what

flashed back the light in broken glints, and the strange guests were soon as sembled, enjoying the novelty and exchanging greetings, comments and critichanging greetings, comments and criti- hide a world of woe, and it may be

"Dear me!" said an old lady in a linsey shawl, who earned a scanty living by knitting socks for the village store, "if there ain't Jane Higgs, that washes for them rough miners—and looking as

if she thought she was as good as any-"And just see old Daddy Skitkins,

Prue is! There's a turkey bigger'n a wash-tub! Bless her heart! don't it jest make a feller feel like goin' to church? What a cake! Ain't it a screamer!" etc., until Mrs. Baker requested him to shut his mouth and not make a feel of him-

Miss Prue felt that she had an ample reward in the happiness she had the means of bestowing upon these poor gleams as this had fallen. "If people would only seek happiness in this manner they would find it

oftener," she thought. teresting experiment; and even Mrs. Lord was not a bad investment. Miss Merriweather was just finishing off her table arrangements with a great

glass dish of oranges, when Daddy Skifkins came skipping out, in much "Miss Prue," he exclaimed, there's a

rough on a feller to not hev no place to something like this: No. 1 of the gang, go, an' I reckon he sin't; an'—" who worked the river, stationed himself go, an' I reckon he ain't; an'-"Of course he can come in," said Miss Prue, settling the last orange. "Wait—I'll let him in myself." As she opened the door, a tall form,

very snowy hug.

and Meg close behind.

manner.

"Jest to think of the batches of turkeys I've rose—pampered 'em up like every year for the past ten it's been my "And intention to come home on this very yaller bellflowers and northern spies day of this very month, because it's the a stranger, but was then waiting for a money. big brass kettle, swung over the blaze once in six months, and they mostly This, of course, always impresses the of uncounted money. once in six months, and they mostly in the fire-place, had one single idea of in the fire-place, had one single idea of solid comfort—money at interest.

"Banks ain't always safe," remarked wouldn't risk it, not being any hand to where they had better go. The clerk would ask where they had better go over to minendo sake, after which he still go sure. I have you'd wait a reaches the man who catches us find mutton special in 1871. Deal-word at the more valuable stones are now selling at the rate of six to one and keeps on until he reaches the hand, begins with a crescend and keeps on until he reaches the do and keeps on until he reaches the botter go over to minendo shake, after which he still go sure. I have you'd wait a reaches the blade, which he keeps are now selling at the rate of six to one and keeps on until he reaches the blade, which he keeps are now selling at the rate of six to one and keeps on until he reaches the blade of uncounted money.

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before the bounteous fire, with Daddy Skifkins revolving around him in a perfect ecstasy, and everybody talking

Miss Prue took the opportunity to enjoying their banquet-for which Mrs. Baker's appetite was not found to be cisively. "Hit ain't a-goin' to be no seriously impaired by Daddy Skifkins'

to scratch roun' in all the highways and she was a-cookin', after all," said Miss late Miss Merriweather in the least.

A countryman came into a store the other day and wanted to buy a shot gun. The proprietor sized up his customer in a general manner, thought he had struck just the right man on whom | place. to work off some old stock. The farso much in love with the storekeeper that he nearly decided not to leave the premises, but to remain to enjoy the

society of his entertainer. He had been looking at a piece of ordnance appraised at \$6.75, when the

storekeeper reached back in the corner and brought forth another. "This gun isn't worth so much as that you have in your hand," said be. "It looks a little better, but it was only gotten up to sell. Appearances are deceitful, you know, and traveling through this vale of tears you have to you how you might be deceived. It \$6,75 but you can't do near the execution with it that you can with the latter, and, besides, a man with your culture and general intelligence don't want to be fooling away his time with a popgun the demands of your nature," and the

dealer smiled his sweetest. "Did you say that five dollar gon wouldn't shoot worth anything?" inquired the customer. "I did. I've tried it and it is a fraud. I only keep it to show up better goods with. I never got cheated on a gun but once and that was the time I bought

"It ain't especially dangerous then, tramp between the shoulders with it and show the game. Taking four one day up at home, and he came and greasy cards from his pocket, which he sat down on the doorstep and asked my said the sharpers had given him, he mother-in-law to scratch his back. Gun looks good enough, but I don't in apparently the most careless manwant to sell it to you. It won't shoot !

"Well, I never. Say! are you telling me the truth?" "Gospel truth. You ought to know me well enough to understand that I don't lie about my goods."
"Yes, exactly. I'm glad to hear it. Here's your five dollars. Glad I came

want to give it to my sister's boy, and I don't want him to have an article that's liable to go off and kill him. Don't think I could have found as mild-

some time before the merchant will more. Probably at this stage the lar gun for one-fourth its value simply thing, and he would bet a hundred to furnish him information about the dollars—and lose it, at which the far-

If you have a fault, stifle it. If you for the third time in addition. Then have a virtue, hold fast to it. If you the farmer would throw the cards still with his wall-eves and bristles! I know have a friend, stand by him by anticimore deliberately. Surely, the stranger are of great size, are remarkable for the a purgative. And cut into bits and and partake of ice cream and other luxare of great size, are remarkable for the a purgative. he'll spoil my appetite," remarked Mrs. pating his needs, by prompt and full thought, he could win this time, but Baker, who was almost helpless with assistance in the time of trouble. If not so. Getting a good deal excited, dropsy. "I do think he might have you have a wife and home, treat the the stranger at this period would play had sense enough to stay away—the old f rmer with that love and kindness "just to get even"—and lose, of course. which you swore so to do, and your Finally, as a last coup, the farmer. But Daddy Skifkins, far from sus- home, the training-school of your child- wholly by accident, of course, would pecting himself of being an object of ren, make that sacred place the abode turn up the corner of the queen. This

WASHINGTON REGUES.

How the Verdant are Swindled at the Na tional Capital-Going to See the Statues For several years Washington has been infested with gangs of secundrels whose ability in rascality was never been beyond the reach of justice. Their creatures, into whose lives so few such tricks were never practiced nor attempted on the citizens of Washington, but were confined to visitors from the various sections of this country and abroad. The gangs have long been Meg, who was helping her aunt set known as the "monte men." Each gang the table, found the affair rather an in- consisted of four persons, namely, first, the man who "connects"; that is, the Potter conceded that lending to the man who first approaches the stranger selected for fleecing; second, the friend of number one, who is generally represented to be a clerk in one of the departments; third, the old farmer, and fourth, the "skeer." There have been several of these gangs at work here. One operated across the Potomac,

'cause it's a snowin' powerful? An'
Mrs. Baker an' Granny Larkins says
he shain't come in; but seems kinder

Their manner of doing business was at the Capitol, at the Treasury, at the White House, or some other public place agreed on between himself and confederates. He was genteel in bear-

would find out where the stranger was bore and should be avoided. from and something about him. If indulge in a thankful little cry behind he was a Democrat and from the South, wiry, active, quick-gaited man who diamond-cutter who was proficient in the dining-room door. But it somehow it would probably be Lee's statue that happened that while the guests were was to be unveiled; if he was from Illiwithout any trills or semi-quavers there are quite a namber of these skill-

along? I shall have to get two passes say he says it in terse terms as if he was anyway and I may as well get three if writing a cablegram, and passes on. He this country to be dressed. They claim one's dormant poetry. Covering the "But, law sakes?" she added, with a tions would follow and the end would be that the stranger would go with his wouldn't have no sich a weddin'!"

Which remarks it not treat that a good many inropean-cut stones that a good many inropean-cut stones are cut in a careless marner, and do not be worth a million some day.

The wouldn't have no sich a very stylish affair. I would like to go. Then introduce that a good many inropean-cut stones are cut in a careless marner, and do not sweather the work of a week of a wouldn't have no sich a weddin'!"

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the watches would be consulted and it Third," or something of that sort, and would be found that an hour or so would he feels that he owes it to his grand- of steel, which is covered with oil and elapse before the ceremony would take uncle's memory to keep up the dignity place.

Uncle's memory to keep up the dignity diamond dust. Most diamonds are cut the verses, the sonnets, which these in the shape of brilliants, and some in At this point No. 3, or the old farmer, to work off some old stock. The farmer thought he never met a man who
was so genial and affable, and became

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was so genial and affable, and became ners, he would inquire where "that way to retaliate if it was not for the man can cut and polish about five diaderned statue was to be unveiled"; that fact that his brain is too small to grasp that amount of a hint all at one time.

| May to resultate in the way to resultate in the small to grasp monds a week, and his wages range from \$40 to \$75. The great secret of long time, etc., etc. He would be dressed for the occasion with rough clothes and boots, unshaven face and distr hands A perfect setter he would at the role lies in the knowledge of the make it proper food for a human his fingers, and only lends about three commercially most valuable.

The great secret of its studying these tender relics, eager to discover their kind and species. Never discover their kind and species. Never his fingers, and only lends about three commercially most valuable.

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Was botanist placed face to face with his fingers, and only lends about three most shilled manipulation.

The man with a long thin, cold the tride lies in the knowledge of the is studying these tender relics, eager to original unregenerate condition. Meeting original unregenerate condition.

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Impulses, and will live to be hard, but walter fifty per cent.

When we meet a man who gives our hand a tight grasp and a hearty shake.

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Perfect brilliants of the first water are now selling in this market: One-half Capital of his county, and so on. He who seems to put his whole soul into carat diamonds, \$175; one carat, \$550; was always chewing tobacco or smoking it, and to like the exercise so much two carats, \$800. Diamonds of a large a short pipe, and made himself perfectly that he gives us an encore, so to speak, size bring whatever can be obtained look closely to your steps. I just snowed you this last gun, which I sell by the dozen for five dollars apiece, to teach dozen for five dollars apiece for fiv dozen for five dollars apiece, to teach ed sharpers would, with quiet dignity, trusted. explain where Arlington was, and then looks a superior article to this one for | tell him ne had plenty of time to get there without hurrying before the ceremonies began. Then the old farmer

of questions and become confidential. and had fallen in, he would explain, mediate attention .- Texas Siftings. with a lot of sharpers, and then he would give an account of how nicely he was done for. "I'll be derned of they didn't get \$500 out of me quicker'n h-l could scorch a feather; but it was a

square thing. They gave me back \$50 and showed me how to play the game. When I get back to old Kentuck I'll win as much as \$15,000 out of the boys. It's a slick game, I can tell ye." He would then spread an old, dirty bandanna handkerchief on the ground would throw them around faces down ner. The stranger did not notice how hard enough to blow the wadding out of the barrel."

"Well, I never. Say! are you telling small the farmer's hands were, nor how supple they were. The handling of cards by these people amounts almost to genius. "Now, gentlemen," he would explain, "you probably think you know where the queen is, but you don't." The department clerk would then say that he would bet \$20 that he could pick up the queen. The farmer would take the bet. "I want you to know, gentlemen, that I'm not broke if I was fleeced in

Baltimore." With that he would pull out a "boodle." A "boodle"—it is necessary for me to explain to your readers-is a large roll of what looks like greenbacks, with a few good notes tempered a weapon anywhere else, do on the outside. The clerk would put

relative merits of sporting apparatus. mer would be greatly delighted. "Now," he says, "let's try it again." The

ginian, with slouch hat and long hair carrying a shotgun. He rushes up to the party swearing like a senator, and demands their surrender for gambling

on his grounds. "You rascals, I'll have you all in the penitentiary. Don't you know that gambling here is three years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine?" He equaled, and whose operations have grabs the old farmer, and the rest escape to the boat. If the stranger imagines he has been swindled by his companions he does not say so, for they are two to one. By the time he gets back to Washington he knows very well he has been robbed. He knows, too, that he tried to get the better of "the farmer" and failed. Usually he is ashamed of himself, says nothing, and writes home for money. Sometimes, however, he goes to a police station and makes complaint. "Where did this thing occur?" "Across the river." "Then we can't help you, sir. You were robbed in Virginia." And that ends it.

- Washington Letter.

Varieties in Hand-Shaking. The manner in which different people shake hands varies as much as the ones of the voice varies in the same people, and is as much an index to the character as the voice is. We will take some of these people as they are to be met any day on the streets. The large fat man, who does not wear

a shirt collar, who perspires so much, in a rough, gray overcoat, all dappled ing and appearance, scrupulously and who is always wiping his face with dressed, with nothing of the flash or a red handkerchief, reaches us a moist "Prue!" exclaimed a deep voice, just | fast about him. Of quick instincts and | hand that feels like a dime's worth of little tremulous.

large experience, he could easily choose link sausages, and has about as much \$10,060 to \$20,000 in diamonds on a his victims. He rarely failed to bag his life in it as a bundle of that fruit has. lady's person. At the fashionable enand saucy stranger gave Miss Prue a game. If he saw a well-dressed man He lays his hand in ours in a slow with a guide-book of the city looking indifferent way, and immediately ceases balls and garden parties at the watering reservoirs are themselves placed in sit-"Jim—Jim Griggs—is it really you?" about and epjoying the sights, it did not cried Miss Prue, returning the hug, in take him long to "connect." He would He seems to feel that his responsibility the face of all the guests, who had approach the stranger in the most in the matter ends when he deposits woman has big solitaires in rings or trooped into the hall, with Mrs. Potter careless gentlemanly manner and ask to his hands in ours. When we give it a ear rings. The large solitaire diamond be directed to some imaginary place or statue. Of course the man with the guide-book would answer that he was a stranger and could not direct him. The sharper would then say that he was also loan of five dollars if we needed the

"An' you orto chuck it right straight when I got into a traveling condition, conversation followed between No. 1 us how we do, and does not wait for rubies, the amethyst, topaz, the eminto the bank, and it'il draw interest." come back I wouldn't, with never a cent,
Miss Prue's sister, Mrs. Potter, a
when I had made a fortune; and I vowed
ittle, wilted-looking womar, with a
a vow not to come till I had it back—
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federate of the stranger, until su small nub of dusty, flaxen hair pinned tightly at the back of her head, who was manufacturing pumpkin preserves in a manufacturing pumpkin preserves in a manufacturing pumpkin preserves in a menufacturing pumpkin preserves in a manufacturing pumpkin preserves in a manuf

see as money's much use noways ef you keep it poked in a bank always, so you can't get it ef you want to. I reckon Till hev some good out'n this, anyhow.

White, shyway, and I always said next year I'll go sure. I knew you'd wait year I'll go sure. I knew you'd wait for me, Prue, my darling, and here you are, with everything and everybody, to was to be unveiled at two o'clock, and I always said next year I'll go sure. I knew you'd wait year I'll go sure. I knew you'd wait for me, Prue, my darling, and here you are, with everything and everybody, to was to be unveiled at two o'clock, and the proceeds to distance and calculate the status of Custer, or Lincoln, or Lee, as the case might be, was to be unveiled at two o'clock, and adoorway, while he proceeds to distance and control of the greatest markets for in already one of the greatest markets for year I'll go sure. I knew you'd wait year I'll go sure. I knew you'd wait a statue of Custer, or Lincoln, or Lee, as the case might be, hand on our shoulder and leads us into wear diamonds who, if living in Europe, a doorway, while he proceeds to distance the diamonds who, if living in Europe, and the two o'clock, and the tw ters in their uniforms would all be He does the same thing and tells the naturally centering here all the indus- combine as much as possible animal, present and it would be a grand sight. same news to the next man he succeeds tries connected with preparing the gems

of metals, and at the present day their productions in bronze, iron, and steel weighs fifty-five carats, is called "The This art industry is of extreme antiqnity. Mr. Satow, in his recent handbook of Central and Northern Japan, describes the colossal image of Buddha at Nara. It was first cast in 749 A. M.,

head about 300 years. Buddha is represented seated crosslegged on a dais, which is of bronze and represents the cally of a lotus. The figure is fifty-three and a half feet high, the face is sixteen feet long and continent from Mount Shasta on the nine and a half wide, while 966 curls north to a similar latitude in South are images eight feet in length. A roof Mexico, and western Texas. protects the image, and a staging is erected to assist visitors in examining leaves but are plentifully supplied tight for two hours that she couldn't it. The casting is said to have been with branches about eighteen inches talk."

but he would say he would try it once by twelve, soldered together, except and others for many years as a hair night?" the modern parts, which are much wash, and exceeds in purity our manumaking the casting in a single piece.

The various temple bells, some of which

Cattle eat the leaves in the spring as The various temple bells, some of which sweetness and mellowness of their tones, thrown on water where fish abound, the uries calculated to thrill the feminine which contrast greatly with the harsh. clanging sounds of European bells. they can be easily taken.

strong ropes. peccing nimself of being an object of aversion, was bent on making himself agreeable to all, and trotted about from the fire to the dining-room door with gleeful exclamations of—"Crickey, what a hunkey fire! She's an angel, Miss aversion, was bent on making himself of joy, and its hearth the seat of comfort of the queen. This would appear so certain that the stranger would be every dollar he had—and lose!

The postal money order business of found me the wife of the future, would appear so certain that the stranger would be every dollar he had—and lose!

At this critical period down the hill prossible girl had yet to be discovered.

The postal money order business of found was the surplement of the queen. This would appear so certain that the stranger would be every dollar he had—and lose!

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For cleaning flannels the amole is found vastly superior. It may be hoped that the manufacture and preparation of that the manufacture and preparation of the had been dreaming. The Impossible girl had yet to be discovered.

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PRECIOUS STONES.

The Business in Diamonds-Diamond Cut-ting-Value of Brilliants. The custom-house people are uneasy defrauded of a large amount of revenue. The passion for all sorts of fashion-

average increase in cost within the past two years being from ten to twenty-five seem to prove that the Arabs produced per cent. The discovery of the African diamond mines some six years ago for a while reduced the price of dia-monds, but the rapid growth of demand, tin he United States chiefly, has restored the equilibrium of the market. The trade are now asking ten to fifteen per cent. more for d'amonds than was asked fifteen months ago. New York blades, observed, first, that the manudealers in gems have and the most prosperous business of their lives within the past year and a half. It is a common thing in New York society to see \$10,000 to \$20,000 in diamonds on a rived in a limpid state in the reservoirs tertainments on Murray Hill, or at the which the blades are tempered. The places in summer, one may literally see rings and studs of fancy stones, however, and, while ten years ago they were I've cut and dried, and the yards of anniversary of that day I promised to friend of his, a department clerk, who domestic I've wove—yes, I do say I've come, when I got all but killed in a had promised to meet him there and had four or five robust shakes, almost taste, the outfit of a man of fashion now smash up, and robbed afterward; and the sights. smash-up, and robbed afterward; and show him the sights. Common-place enough to dislocate our anatomy, asks is not perfect without them. Sapphires,

> house, which was nearly four times the value of those imported in 1871. Deal-Before this, however, the sharper in capturing. He is the confidential for the retail trade. Dismonds are now tations resembling the genuine Dapluck me?" largely imported in their natural state. When we get rid of him we meet a It is only six years since the first

nois and a Republican, it would be about them, but those three shakes, Lincoln's, and so on. Nine chances to one the stranger would ask to go along. Shaker is a business man, abounding in of either the Dutch, French, Greek or presence—Mr. Griggs persuaded Miss If not, then the department clerk would confidence in himself. He does not inPrue to take a little walk with him as say to his friend: "Would not your dulge in useless compliments or stereoof this rather remarkable statement, friend (meaning the stranger) like to go | typed phrases. If he has anything to | they say that European dealers have restruts as he walks. He holds out two lancy. It takes at least four years to where along the shore in charge of a fingers to be shaken. He is the patroniz- learn the art of diamond-cutting. The pretended fisherman and would dicker ing crank, and gives us what might be diamonds are found in alluvial deposits, for the boat to row across. A price called the cold shake. His grand uncle and are extracted by washing. Two of would be fixed and across the party was "Hair-cutter extraordinary, by them are rubbed together until they rewould go. Being on the Virginia shore special appointment, to George the ceive a shape in the rough. They are

interwoven. The death's heads peered out from amid the bloom of a past age, Three thousand years had gone since they had robbed death of its terrors, finished by grinding on a revolving disk and still these fragile flowers had neither lost color or shape. Putting aside flowers might inspire, modern science done by a penurious use of his digits | the form of a rose, having a flat bottom lections known are only of the seven-

Here are floral treasures of 300 B. C., There are many other varieties of six carats it is not very salable. An found only to-day in the furthest Abysshakes that might be described. We importer in John street has had two sinia. Had Linnæus only been alive, exception. believe that not only hand shaking, but diamonds, each twenty carats, in the how he would have reveled as he botanthe hand itself, would indicate a man's market for years, and has been unable ized over this field of mummies would become voluble, ask any number character as well as a phrenological to sell them. The largest gem ever cut Packed away with the mortal remains of which should be somewhat stale, in All of a sudden he would strike the lead.

The sudden he would strike chart of his head would do. Why does in this city was a forty carat diamond. He would explain how he was taken in suggest that some crank who is in need bought by a gambler. Solitaire earwont know a red squared on a least squared on a least squared on a squared on a least squared on a least squared on a squared of a hobby should give the matter impossible. This \$6.75 is more suited to in Baltimore. He had sold his cattle of a hobby should give the matter impossible of a hob to \$1,500, are large enough to produce heb had really broken her fast, here are of clear, bright coals, to keep it from it is not far enough in or verges toward greatly do they wonder at our fulla striking effect, and many very wealthy | teeth marks in the fruit. and scoopings Japanese Metal Work.

For centuries past the artists of which they think look clumsy. The Japan have earned for themselves a largest and most valuable diamond in reputation for their skill in the working | America is said to be owned by a Maiden

> pure white, cushion shaped, double-cut brilliant. Merchants here claim that the numerous imitation diamonds have never scribable Here with these Theban materially injured their business. The mummies we bridge over thousands of or a Boston stew, served on toast after and was set up in its present position. bogus stones are only passable imitalyears, and past eons are at one and the It suffered from various accidents, and tions under the glare of gas. Sunlight same time both far and near to us. in 1567 the temple was burned to the readily exposes their real character. Of ground, the head of the image falling course the white translucent stone, free off. It was replaced not long afterward, from flaw and perfectly cut, is the most and we may therefore assign to the valuable. Yellow, brown and jet-black body an age of 1140 years, and to the diamonds are readily found in the market, but pink diamonds are rare.-

New York Letter.

These cacti grow on the American adorn the head, around which is a halo seventy-eight feet in diameter, on which east of the Rio Grande, through New and draw the filling out. My mother

attempted seven times before it was ac- long, from which flowers of white and complished, and 3,000 tons of charcoal vellow colors are suspended in the house." were used in the operation. The whole flowering season. The bulbous root is

the casting cooled, instead of construct- decay of the hair and entirely eradicat- those plays could be made more heart-

effect is stupefaction of the fish, when mind with ectasy. But she refused The price among the Indians and man danced around with his pocket-They are struck on the outside by huge pine beams which are suspended by Mexicans, who sell it in Tucson, is five book in his hand, and thought what expine beams which are suspended by laced (mancuerna).

The Wonderful Damascus Blade.

Great discoveries and improvements have been made in the manufacture of steel, but it is quite remarkable, says a laid him upon the hot coals to cook. over the undoubted fact that a great writer in the American Machinist, that many precious stones are smuggled into no country has produced an article equal this port from Europe. It is compar- to the Damascus blades. These blades atively easy to conceal them, and the ten per cent. duty exacted by the government makes it hard for many morally remarking: weak individuals to resist the temptation and Eastern princes in European colto smuggle. The government officers | lections. The peculiarity of the Damashave been aware of the evil for a long cus weapon is not only its beautiful surtime, and have been doing their best to face, showing myriads of waving zigstop it, but the great disparity between the volume of trade in precious stones and the amount of the goods declared steel surpasses all other kinds, combingoing to stand upon ceremony, at the various custom houses by im- ing a sharpness of edge with such elas-I think we shall have snow." porters shows that the government is | ticity as no modern art can equal. The point of the sword can be bent to reach the hilt and then spring back to a straight able gems is rapidly increasing in this line, and the same sword would cut cool. country. The price asked for them is through an ordinary weapon without inkeeping pace with the demand, the juring its edge, or sever a silk scarf thrown in the air. All investigations their finely tempered Damascus swords by using two steels of different carbonization, mixing them in the most intimate manner and twisting them in fanwhen I come down I will reward you by tastic ways, but observing method in rearing a fresh ladder especially for their fancy. Nicola Milonas, in trying to discover the process of the Kourdes in the manufacture of their sword made were situated at the declivity of so I'll just amuse myself until you away to make mince-mest thereof in an the mountains, near cascades, the water mouth, he moved off, away from the wall. constructed for its reception, and in nations where the air is very pure. hens in a poultry house. "Don't see These conditions of purity of air and how I am to find my way back to my water are considered necessary for the hollow tree." success of the operation. Second, iron of the purest quality was selected and submitted to a very high temperature. The first tempering is begun when the iron is at white heat; the fuel used is placed on each side of it, and when red-

mascus blades, but far inferior to them in

quality, are manufactured at Sheffield,

Flowers in Ancient Tombs.

sion of small delicate blossoms, yellow,

red, and white tinted, all garlanded and

"There's no necessity," replied the cock; you can roost there alongside the door and go home in the morning."
"Thanks," said the owl, chuckling at the fool's simplicity, and, having plenhot the iron is covered as quickly as possible with fatty and oily matter, paste made from bones, wax, etc. This operationtends according to the manufacturer, to render the blade flexible. The second tempering is performed by the same proconstriction of the throat. "I omitted to tell you," said the cock. cess, with these differences. The heated iron, after having thrown off consider-"that the seat you happen by the mereest chance to occupy is a contested one, and has been fruitful of hens to this often I have been partially widowed by the sneaking villain."

A man was plucking a live goose, when his victim addressed him thus: think you would relish this sort of seal-skin pocket-book, lined with blue heroic spirit, and rebel vigorously un-

THE OWL, THE COCK AND THE WEAZEL.

was the yawning reply. "If you are

vegetable and mineral substances. Imi- man, "do you think you would like to "Indeed I would," was the emphatic, natural, but injudicious reply. "Just so," concluded her tormentor;

Solingen, Germany, and Fiskilstuna, "that's the way I feel about the matter." A Talk About Toast.

Mrs. E. P. Ewing, in a lecture on Egyptology has furnished admirable that toasting effectually destroyed yeast matter for the romance-maker, but in germs in bread, and converted the inthe late discoveries near Thebes there soluble starch into a soluble substance one's dormant poetry. Covering the resembling gum, and which chemists the stomach. Bread toasted very dry agreed better with a weak stomach than dinner party, after living at other peo- had cured. The inscription on the mingled with them there was a profufood. Hence toast, which was in general of meat, and am very careful to get my the bandages need no longer be used to use as a diet for invalids, could be money for it. safely and judiciously recommended for fact that toasting bad bread and melting again. You may see her servants on was quite unwilling at first to show flowers? asks the botanist. With magnifying glass each petal, stamen, and leaf is examined. Dr. Schweinfurth ble or unwholesome than when in their lation would not convert sour, half baked bread into nutritious, palatable teenth century, and then there are but toast. The latter held so important a A middle-aged female entered the that hers were bound eleven years betwo or three of them in the world. place among foods that every one should shop at this moment. She was dressed fore they became "dead feet"—that is, know how to make it properly. Yet one of in shabby black. She carried a small ceased to pain her; but that even yet, and they are as fresh as if culled but the best American authorities on culiyesterday. Three or four are at once nary matters has said that only about classed, but here is one which has dis- one in ten thousand know how to make

In making toast three directions should be observed: Cut the bread, Queen Isimkheb were various kinds of even slices, about half an inch in thickburning, and let it brown evenly. For the sirloin, she won't have it. And she grown feet, -Independent. this purpose a wire broiler or a toasting out evidently made with spoons. De fork can be used. When the surface of Foe, in his "Robison Crusoe," made his one side becomes a rich, golden color, than all the Montrose family-father, hero start with amazement when on the shore of his island he saw for the first turn and heat the other side in a similar manner, until the slice is perfectly time the footprints of another man. toasted. Serve the moment it is done When Mariette Bey in his necropolis excite admiration and astonishment. Pearl of India," and is described as a of Apis, came across the impressions of in a warm plate, dry or buttered, and it toes and heels in the sands, which the | will tempt the appetite of either invalid last of the old Egyptian priests had or epicure. And the average individual, said Mrs. Ewing, might indulge occal left, the explorer's emotions were indesionally with impunity in a broiled quai-

future regret or discomfort.

A Bishop's Mistake. The Impossible Girl. On a recent occasion Bishop Gilmour He offered her a handsome opal was preaching in the Cincinnati cathering.
"Excuse me," she said, while a blush It appears that, like some other preachers, he is in the habit of pounding crept over her velvety cheek; "opals while expounding the gospel. The pulare unlucky."

Then he fished a package of caramers out of his pocket and attempted to present it to her. "I never touch them," she murmured, got some between her teeth the other day, and her jaws were held together so "You must have had quiet in the

"No, I thank you," she whispered, feelingly, "I am always saddened by some time before the merchant will stranger would see that he had a sure larger garden a twenty-dol- show a guileless granger a twenty-dol- largen for one-fourth its value simply thing, and he would bet a hundred construction is said to have been adopted the modern parts, which are indentional facture from animal substances. If eelingly, "I am always saddened by such woeful dreams as Camille," Hambers and the last namely, of gradually building up the are well known, and its use gives the let,' and 'Miss Multon'; and the last walls of the mold as the lower part of hair a fine natural glow, preventing time I was at the minstrels, I saw how ing the whole mold first, and then making the casting in a single piece. scalp. He then invited her to take a walk,

"Please, sir, give a few cents to a poor blind man "Are you entirely blind?" "Yes, sir." "Haven't anything for you, to-day. "I suppose you think because you each and all of them. And the young wear tight pants, and have got your The price among the Indians and man danced around with his pocket—wear tight pants, and have got your Mexicans, who sell it in Tucson, is five cents for a bunch of two stalks interwere like this one. And he sang: "I hung in Washington county last week; For cleaning flannels the amole is have found me the wife of the future, you long-legged, red-headed, freckledface galoot."- Texas Siftings.

Forty Chinamen make watches in San

There were no other interruptious.

How Did He Know.

GILDED STARVATION. A famishing traveler, who had run Gorgeous Poverty in Manhattan Mansionsdown a salamander, made a fire and

Wearied with the pursuit which had preceded his capture, the animal at once composed himself and fell into a refreshing sleep, At the end of half an hour the man stirred him with a stick. "I say! wake up and begin toasting, will you? How long do you mean to keep dinner waiting, eh?" "Oh, I beg you will not wait for me,

thing will get cold. I wish, by the way, you would put on some more fuel; "Yes," said the man, "the weather is like yourself-raw, and exasperatingly A man carrying a sack of corn up a with its gleaming lamps and windows; high ladder, propped against a wall, had nearly reached the top, when a powerful hog passing that way leaned splendid vision from the world of in time forces the instep up in a most against the bottom to scratch its hide. "I wish," said the man, speaking shimmered out of sight, and was lost in they often find the greatest trouble in down the ladder, "you would make that operation as brief as possible; and porter turned again into the butcher-

As he did so, the butcher brought a hunk of meat from one of the hooks, and flung it on the great round block "This one is quite good enough for a hog," was the reply; "but I am curious at the end of his counter. Seizing a pair of meat-axes, he began hacking so I'll just amuse myself until you come down."

and hing it of the great volunt is an unit and it is great volunt. Seizing a many and we not know of them.

The first year the foot is simply away to make mince-meat thereof in an unmistakable spiteful and vicious fash-growth. The second year all the small.

And taking the bottom rung in his ion. "That is what I call gorgeous pover-

"Awful dark-isn't it?" said an owl years; but developing consumptive tennot less than two hundred pounds.

found the corrective. His weight is this time from added torture, from the "See," he said, turning suddenly and ty of time to indulge his facetious hu- pointing theatrically to four small mut- from eight to eleven, and even longer mor, he gravely installed himself upon | ton-chops and a modest and retiring in some cases before the greatly dethe perch indicated, and, shutting his piece of corned-beef on the counter beeres, counterfeited a profound slumber. hind him. "That is what Mrs. Magnilohind him. "That is what Mrs. Magnilo- further south can be put on. This

He was aroused soon after by a sharp quent Montrose has just purchased. them. They always want them sent companied with the greatest pain. home. Now, this corned-beef and these vexatious weazel. I don't know how mutton-chops will make two parcels victims of custom kicking and screamwhich my boy could almost put into his vest pockets. He takes them to a mag-For obvious reasons there was no and nificent four-storied, brown-stone man- yet so strong is the admiration for such "Suppose you were a goose, do you twenty-three cents out of a beautiful the larger number are not of such

she had twenty-three cents left in it." "Because I won't give her credit. cookery at Dearborn Seminary, said thing. He has little or no money to I should let my bill run up the money would go for bonnets, gloves, boots and bathing in hot water is resorted to, and, other full-dress paraphernalia. Then if the skin breaks and sores appear,

when Magniloquent Montrose absconds, certain remedies are used. was incapable of fermenting and pro- as he probably will, why I would be two ducing flatulence, or becoming sour on or three hundred dollars out of pocket. elaborate scroll presented to him by the any other bread. Indeed, a sensitive ple's dinner parties for two or three scroll eulogized him as a great and stomach would frequently digest toast when it would digest no other article of intervals. Then I sell them a nice lot been reduced to the desired size and

them at all times; and the loose talk with the other tradesmen. Mrs. Mon- the crushed feet. I examined carefully indulged in by some self-styled teachers trose dashes up to the corner grocery one pair of such feet (I could never bring of physiology about the extreme un- store in her carriage and orders a small | myself to look at a second pair.) The healthfulness of toast, especially when measure of potatoes and a bar of soap woman was thirty years old and buttered, only gave emphasis to the to be sent home, and grandly rides away weighed about 115 pounds. She the avenue almost any morning on her me her feet uncovered. They are genway to the baker's to buy and pay for erally loth to do this, for they know one loaf of bread.

get any wages.

market-basket. She began inspecting if she stood long walked much, or her very earnestly a round of beef that lay feet became keated, on the counter. "It is not quite far enough in," she gave her much pain. The little toes

The butcher cut off the slice, wrapped | ably, and she passed the large toe and it up and gave it to the customer, who heel toward each other under the foot, went away.

"That's Miss Smith, a very different | work and thought of the thousands pays promptly every week. Why, she and her cat consume more good meat mother and two daughters-do together. She is an old maid, a dress-maker. She lives in the third story front room in the house over the way. Sometimes she goes out of town to a country mansion to do a week's work. She always comes back starved or dyspeptic, or both-at least she says so.

"I tell you," concluded the butcher, this method, without the least fear of flourishing the knife wherewith he had just cut into the porter-house steak, "one half the people in this city, don't know how the other half lives."

The Import of Potatoes. Potatoes from Scotland, cabbage from Holland, and butter from Denmark and pit at the cathedral is situated near the center of the auditorium, against a large any part of the world starts shipments. pillar, and the altar is some distance Commerce is always vigilant, and the away. Seated at the north side of the drought in America gives a market to the needle, and oh! so tenderly folded altar were Bishop Elder and others, distant producers. The Scotch potato and on account of the pillar they could is well liked by many of our consumers, not command a view of the pulpit of and the imports average 75,000 bushels Bishop Gilmour. At about the middle a month. They pay fifteen cents a of his sermon Bishop Gilmour came to bushel duty, but this, as well as freight a forcible passage, and hammered vig-crously on the pulpit, creating a loud high market. A Scotch vegetable house noise, and kept it up for nearly a min- has been started here, with the expec-"Stop that noise," cried Bishop tation that this traffic will be permanent. Elder, rising to his feet, and astonishing It is probable, however, that an im-mistake and said: "I beg your pardon, toes every day, and hence the early crop tree of tropical climes has attained sir; I thought it was some one in the from Florida and South Carolina is congregation creating the disturbance." always eagerly expected. Potato speculators have made money, but only at the expense of suffering among the poor. There are thousands here who are almost famished, and even the wellpaid working classes are pinched. How welcome to the city will be a resump-

> During the floods in the West and been landed by the water that overflowed the town.

> tion of old fashioned prices at the

potato market .- [New York Letter.

There are 4,698 vessels on the North | Bible, because the word "baptize" is American lakes.

The Bound Feet of Chinese Women Iron shoes are neither used nor known in China. The method is simply to How Many Families Starve and Keep a use a strong muslin bandage. I have Carriage. never heard of the bindings being put The other morning, when a New York on a child under four years of age, and reporter went into the butcher shop on I think they oftener wait until she is Third avenue, immediately around the two or three years older. In one of corner from his boarding house, to de- the schools that I had all the girls iver a pathetic message from his sick were in the first year of binding. The landlady, he met a splendidly costumed youngest was six years old and the female coming cut as he was going in. eldest eight. Of course, the later the Turning around naturally to follow her binding is begun the greater the pain. movements, and still further to feast The bandage of muslin usually is his eyes, he saw her step into a carriage at the curb stone, which was speedily to seven inches wide. They commence whisked away by a pair of spirited and under the toes and crossing the two The well-groomed horses, with their shining harness; the black-tiled, green-tightly, and so on over and under until coated, silver-buttoned and white-gloved the foot is covered very tightly. As coachman; the highly-polished carriage, with its gleaming lamps and windows; fold is thrown around it, with a pull the whole equipage, in truth, flashing in the morning sunlight, seemed like a foot. The pulling forward of the heel dreams. When it had sparkled and painful and ugly manner, and just here the common crowd of vehicles, the re- this cruel custom, for the pressure is sometimes so great upon the instep that the skin bursts, inflammation and ulceration sets in, and the child may die. I have heard of but few fatal cases, however, though there might be

toes are folded down under the foot leaving only the larger toes in natural ty," looking up and nodding to the position. The pulling of the heel for-reporter. ward and forcing the instep up, has The butcher, it may be remarked, is made a little hollow under the foot, one night, looking in upon the roosting an old school-fellow, who had the usual where the poor folded down toes find a presidential aspirations during his early place. I am told that the tight bandyears; but developing consumptive ten-dencies, had scught a corrective in his that they do not give trouble. The father's business. He had succeeded to same sort of bandage is used, and the the store at his father's death. He had binding done as in the first year, only unnatural position of the toes. This process of binding is kept up for years, sired tiny shoe worn at Funchan and shoe measures from two and one-half to "I should no' be so indignant," he three inches in length, and a babe a

continued, laughing suddenly, "if these | week old of medium size cannot wear people would take their purchases with it. Of course, all this bandaging is ac-I have many times seen these little sion on Madison avenue. The mutton- feet and so great the respect for those chops are for the family dinner, the who have them that little girls often corned-beef is for the servants. There ask to have their feet bound, and braveis twenty-three eents' worth. She paid ly try to suppress the cry of pain; but "Then she pays cash," suggested the little relief to the tortured foot, only to be punished and to have the bandages again tightened. As the Her husband is a cashier in a large bank | the process goes on the muscles shrink down town. I suppose that he has a away, the bones are bent or broken, handsome salary. But his big house, and finally the foot looks like nothing his expensively dressed wife and daugh-ters, his carriage and his splendid coach-bones, covered with a dry, yellow-lookman, his family's trip to Europe or Sar- ing skin, with just circulation enough atoga in the summer time absorb every- to preserve life. There would seem to be real destruction of muscle, from the invest in bread and butter and meat. If fact that the feet become very offensive during a part of the time. Frequent

"Occasionally the Montroses give a father of a girl whose ulcerated feet he "Oh, yes, it is about the same thing worn to give strength and firmness to very well that the feet are most unleaves before the end of it, she does not | and show the hideous deformity within. The woman whose feet I saw told me

wore new shoes, said at length; "but you may cut me a were pressed into the hollow under the pretty thick slice off there." so that they touched. My heart was sick as I looked at this ruin of God's handi-

Thread and Needle Tree.

The luxury of a thread and needle

dwelling under such overshadowing! upon Mexican plains just such a forest ered under such fair foliage! No need of spools forever rolling hither and thither; no call for dainty reels compactly wound with snowy thread. Is there a seam ready for busy fingers or an appealing rent, just step outside the door of the much favored Mexican house-mother, lay your hand upon a slender thorn needle pushing itself persuasively from the tip of a dark green leaf, draw it carefully from its delicate sheath, slowly, slowly unwinding with your hand the thread, a strong well-rounded fiber, already attached to away by Mother Nature as to hold within itself possibilities of a long stretch of the cord.

Travelers are enthusiastic over the resources of the maguey tree; and of its beauty no less, telling us of "clustering pyramids of flowers towering

The roots well prepared are a most savory dish; with its leaves may be

world-wide fame !- Harper's Bazar.

Mr. H. C. Wheeler, who owns a farm of 6,200 acres adjoining the village of Odebolt, Ia., has tried all kinds of steam plows and found them wanting, but he has at last himself devised a machine which he thinks will prove practical. In action it combines the stationary and traction principles. The engine is run ahead 500 feet and then

The American Bible society refuses to aid in sending out a certain Burmese